



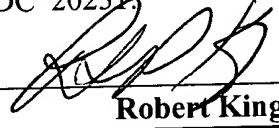
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Response to Restriction Requirement

Dear Examiner Webman:


In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, mailed January 8, 2001, the Applicants respectfully elect Group II, claims 34-77 inclusive. Further, the Applicants make herein the two elections of Species requested by the Examiner. First, with respect to claims 34-57, the Applicants respectfully elect the Species wherein Z represents optionally substituted aryl; Y represents O; and X represents OH. With respect to claims 66-76, the Applicants respectfully elect the Species defined by claim 70, i.e., wherein the coating is a liquid and solidifies into a hard coating on a surface.

Of course, the elections of Species made herein are made solely for search purposes. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute species not elected herein in other patent applications claiming the benefit of the filing date of this application. Furthermore, the Applicants understand that upon allowance of a generic claim, they will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. See 37 CFR 1.141.

The Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to our Deposit Account, No. 06-1448, any fees due in connection with the filing of this Response.

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